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The Monuments of Ireland

(Continued)

Written for ALL IRELAND by FRANK T. SHFA.

Ruskin speaks in his *Sesame and Lillies of Kings Treasures*, of the City of Sleeping Kings, not as he says of Kings regnant nor of treasures understood to contain wealth, but he likens a library to a city, each good book of which is a King, each leaf a treasure, being messages to us of times past. Kings with whom all who will may commune and treasures from which all may partake.

And as it is true that through the words in books, ideas survive, books are kingly, and as monuments are generally the most direct expression of man's belief in the importance of ideas involved, they being more enduring than parchment are also veritable Kings in the highway of the world, each stone of which is a treasure burdened with messages of light and beauty, which form a summary of the Arts, Science, History and Religion of a nation. And as we stand within the great gate-way of St. Lawrence of Drogheda with Blarney Castle on the right and Boyle Abbey to the left (all of which we have heretofore spoken) and gaze down the gorgeous highway seemingly so distant, lined on either side with embattled towers, round towers, turreted walls, ancient temples, mediæval castles, and picturesque bridges, types of Ireland's native architecture and so expressive of the beauty of the old land, contemplating the scene, abounding as it is nightly with life and spirit springing from the active presence of the thousands of Celts to whose hearts, we know each stone of the ancient piles, here represented is most sacred, recalling as they do to them every rock, field, mountain, valley, lake and stream, each cottage, home, church and monument as well as the bright traditions and heavy persecutions of the land from whence they sprang, from which they move in exile, and toward which they turn in thought with love and admiration, one is forced to exclaim this is in truth a King's Highway. And what do the monuments of Ireland, the representations of some of which stand in kingly attitude along the highway of the Irish Fair.

"Tell of a race that nobly, fearlessly

Queen Rita Reigns To-Night



MISS RITA CURTIS, QUEEN OF THE CARNIVAL

Queen Rita will reign at the festival to-night, and for the occasion the Irish Fair will be transformed into a carnival, in which all are invited to participate and do homage to the Queen.

A joyous, happy, merry reign will be the term of Queen Rita's sway, though a brief one; for her carnival will be held in this city but once—and then no more. So the opportunity of attending the brilliant entry of the beautiful Queen of fun and frolic will be seized by thousands, and the event no doubt shall be long remembered in San Francisco. All hail Queen Rita!

The coronation will be held on the platform in the center of the main floor. The Queen and her attendants will gather in the Art Gallery and march in solemn state to the platform, where the keys of the fair will be presented to the Prime Minister, who will transfer them to the sovereign. After

the coronation the Queen and her maids of honor will ride in an automobile, making a tour of the pavilion and alighting at Cork Booth, where a reception will be held.

Queen Rita has chosen as her maids of honor Miss Agnes Kendrick of Academy Booth, Miss Kathryn Flynn of Galway, Miss Tessie O'Connor of Sligo, Miss Hannah Murphy of Kerry, Miss Philomena Cull of Limerick and Miss Helen Glinden of Kilkenny. Little Misses May and Aileen Hurley will be flower girls and Carmelita Smith and Peter Norton will be pages. Commissioner Michael Casey of the Board of Public Works will be Prime Minister.

The regal costume will be of white brocaded satin trimmed with gold and the cape will be of ermine. The flower girls will be dressed in white and the pages in pink and blue.

On their hearts' worship poured a wealth of love."

Her monuments even in their ruin, in the form of Cathedrals, Abbeys and Monasteries because of their limitless numbers, and vast dimensions, with their evidences of elegance of splendid detail, delightful proportions, and beautiful outline are at this day more eloquent than books to the student of history and of art in testifying to the fact that the Irish people possessed the genius for building on a scale of magnificence equal to the Continental builders of the Middle Ages. They give ample evidence to the fact that the Irish people confined within the contracted limits of their little Isle possessed the highest order of intellectuality to rise equal to the Titanic task of rearing more temples to the living God and institutions of learning in a given period of time, than any nation in Europe. They speak of the prosperity of the people, the boundless wealth of the land necessary for the achievement of these magnificent results, of the profound reverence of the race with faith so pure and spirit lofty equal to the production and maintenance of monuments such as these. Faith, Hope and Truth, splendid and adamant are the words we read upon those consecrated walls of broken arches and tumbling pillars, around which the ivy hangs and through which the rays of the God of Day play with a holy light. Prayer, agony, strife and martyrdom continued through generations is here portrayed to him who has soul to feel, eye to see, and out from the sacred soil upon which these ruined temples stand, the souls of countless slain seem to cry, like the souls of the martyrs from under the "apocalyptic altars," "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood."

(To be continued)

At a meeting of the presidents of the booths and the executive of the Irish Fair held yesterday afternoon, it was decided to ballot for the most popular member of the San Francisco Police Department. A handsome souvenir will be presented to the winner. The contest will begin this evening and continue until Saturday evening when the polls will be closed. It is expected that a keen rivalry for the honor will spring up among the "Finest."

Rattlesnakes

(Written for ALL IRELAND by Rev. M. P. SCANLAN.)

About a score of years ago, Father Curtis of Baltimore, now Bishop Curtis of the same city, was asked to give a lecture in the City of Brotherly Love. The request came from the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. When the genial convert consented to aid them in their noble work, the Sisters suggested that he appoint the date and name the subject of his discourse. Father Curtis replied that he would speak St. Patrick's Day on "Something the Irish Know Little About." He lectured on "Snakes."

The witty priest had probably read that famous book on "Snakes" which contained a chapter on "Snakes in Ireland." The chapter under this heading consisted of the following sentence:

There are no snakes in Ireland.

How could there be snakes in Ireland? Did not St. Patrick drive them into the sea? Moreover the great apostle forbade the reptiles ever to return to the Island of Saints. Hence no member of the Ancient Order of Ventrambulates can touch Irish soil and live. The devil in this guise can never tempt an Irish Eve. An Irishman who doesn't believe this teaching is a poor degenerate who is ashamed of his country and her language and as likely as not doesn't believe in the Banshee. And an Irishman who doesn't believe in the Banshee—well, there are some people that provoke profanity and the readers of ALL IRELAND must not be shocked.

Now if the Irish know little about snakes, they know nothing at all about rattlesnakes. It is for their enlightenment, therefore, that this essay is written.

What is a rattlesnake? A rattlesnake is a venomous American reptile of the genus *Cratubus*, having the tail ending in a series of horny connected rings which clash together when the tail is vibrated. That is a pretty good definition, even if it does sound like the dictionary. His snakeship, however, is commonly called the rattler.

If one fails to recognize him by the music he makes with his horny rings, there can hardly be any doubt about his presence when he follows the rattle with a horrid hiss. It is, I believe, the most unpleasant sound that comes from a wild thing; it goes sibilating through the ear as if it came from the infernal regions. It is the snake's warning, "the word that chides" and like the Barmecides in Mangan's poem, he is quick to follow it with an angry blow. The blow means death or drunkenness which is as bad; worse if you belong to the League of the Cross.

The rattler has what they call in the old country "conthrary ways." He is not at all like womankind. For one thing he tells you his age. He wears a ring for each year of his life. I killed one with twelve rings; a truthful friend assures me he slew a monster with sixteen.

Moreover an Irish poet sings:
"If you want to take a wife
To make or mar your life,
Just ax her if she's pleasant in the mornin'."

This seems to imply that a woman is apt to be ill-humored early in the day. It may be a cruel libel for aught I know, but anyhow it is just the opposite with a rattlesnake. He is "pleasant in the mornin'." When he glides forth from his bedroom in a squirrel hole, he basks in the sun and is at peace with all the world. He will not molest you, unless you tread on the tail of his coat, that is to say, on his rattles. But in the afternoon he gets "his Irish up, and is spoiling for a fight while the sun keeps hot.

There is a common superstition that a rattlesnake has the power of charming or hypnotizing birds, particularly quail. It is certain he is fond of quail. He does not, however, take his quail on toast but in feathers for he swallows the bird whole and entire, or as the cassowary in Timbuctoo swallowed the missionary—"Skin and bones and hymn-book too."

Once upon a time in Lake County I heard a driver scaring the wits out of a stage full of old maids by narrating how that very morning he had seen a rattler charm and eat three quail. The old maids shivered and said: "Ugh! the horrid thing." They evidently expected to be charmed themselves at the next turn of the road. But rattlesnakes are wise in their generation.

Now the driver's story was a yarn out of the whole cloth. The rattlesnake is neither a Basilisk nor a Sven-gali. He cannot charm or hypnotize. He stuns the quail by striking as he strikes an enemy, then coils himself about it and slowly swallows it, head, legs and feathers. I have spent many an idle hour watching him on the eastern slope of the mountain range that walls out the chill fogs from the great Colorado desert and I am sure I know his tricks.

He gets gophers as he gets quail. One day I shot a big fellow with ten rattles and observed quite a protuberance about the middle of the body. On cutting the snake open I found a gopher dead of course but as large as life. He may have been swallowed alive as the prophet was swallowed by the cetacean but the interior department of the rattler was not as accommodating as that of the whale.

Another popular belief regarding the snake is probably due to the poets, the most unreliable of guides. It is that he always dies in the evening and that, no matter how crushed and wounded in daytime, he will "wriggle in hate till the sun goes down." In the interests of science I cannot let this assertion pass. It is pretty but, like other pretty things, it is false. An ophidian, which is the snakes family name, is wonderfully tenacious of life but, nevertheless, it will die at any hour of the day.

The very name of rattlesnakes strikes terror to the heart of the tender-foot but to the Indians of Southern California they bring no such fear. I have seen the boys of the Banning

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School, catch them alive with the greatest ease. They make a lariat of twine, and then irritate the rattler till he coils and lifts his head. With an adroit twirl they throw the lasso over Mr. Snake's head and he is caught as securely as the wild steer or fiery broncho by the untamed cowboy of the plains. Should they miss their aim and the rattler strike the hand, they have a simple trust in one remedy. It consists in killing the snake at once, taking out the gall and applying it to the wound. I do not vouch for the efficiency of this treatment; each one must try it for himself. When it fails to work with the Indians, they attribute its failure to a witch and quietly pass on to the ampler hunting grounds beyond the night.

A word must be said in favor of the rattlesnake. He is not totally depraved. He even has his uses. The skin is highly valued for ladies' belts and, when properly tanned and mounted, it is a beautiful ornament. The Indians use the flesh for food. It is not at all poisonous unless the snake has committed suicide, which it is said to do sometimes. Having drawn off the skin, the Indians cut the body into small pieces and fry it in a pan with batter or fat. The old men are very fond of rattlesnake fricassee; they believe it renews their youth, just as the Hawaiians maintain that the strength of a fallen foe passes into the body of the slayer.

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I hesitate to mention the last if not the best use to which the rattlesnake may be put. But I started to write a scientific essay and the whole truth must be told; besides, there may be a rattler in the Irish Fair. Now in a case of snake bite, whisky is the best remedy. And it must not be taken in homeopathic doses. Therefore the last use of the rattlesnake is to give an excuse for getting drunk. To my mind his bite is the only valid reason for intoxication. There are philosophers of another school who place triplets in the same category. With these I may not argue nor contend; they know not the scholastic method of disputation. But who am I that I should have the hardihood to deny that they have arrived at a solemn truth by a different road.

Sergeant Michael Joseph Conboy has a grievance against the Fair. His County has got the overlook. Guess what county it is ladies. A prize will be awarded to the first correct guess received in this office. Don't all speak at once.

Fred Ruddock, "Ping Pong," held the baby very cleverly for a young married man at "All Ireland" rooms last night.

Little Vivian Conlan, a very cute Miss, came all the way from Mission Dolores parish to see the Fair. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Jas Conlan and her aunts, Miss Ella Lennon and Mrs. F. L. Ruddock.

THROUGH THE EMERALD ISLE

ROSCOMMON.

There are many jolly "Connaught Rangers" to be found in Roscommon Booth. Among them being Mrs. R. Fitzgerald who smilingly waited on the visitors. She was dressed in a black grenadine suit over purple satin.

Misses Adriane and Angelo Fitzgerald were dressed in white silk. Mrs. McGinnis is a very charming hostess. The Booth is crowded nightly and is doing a good business.

GALWAY.

Galway Booth has a large and attractive line of articles. Every visitor to the Fair should give this booth a call.

One of the leading members of Galway Booth is Mrs. M. J. Touhey. She is an ardent and zealous worker and has contributed materially to its success.

WEXFORD.

Wednesday night Wexford will be at home to her friends and those who visit will be well received by many charming young ladies of exquisite beauty.

Mrs. T. N. Doran wore a gorgeous gown of blue foulard silk last night while Miss May Cavanagh looked stunning in a beautiful dress of white organdie over blue taffeta. Misses Laura and Nita Cavanagh were dressed in becoming gowns of pink crepe de chine. The ladies though looking sweet find plenty of time to attend to their booth which is certainly a credit to them.

CAVAN.

The high class entertainment given by the concert band and dancing girls at Cavan Booth is drawing great crowds.

DERRY.

Mrs. McKeever has received from Derry city a blackthorn stick which sold to the highest bidder.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Delehanty is confined to her home by illness.

MAYO.

Mayo Booth did a great business last night. Their fair colleens were kept very busy. "Talk about stunners" said Captain Mellott, "but did you notice Katie Gillespie in her new white organdie and Miss Annie Graham? Why, all boys from Mayo went broke after being interviewed by these two charming lassies from Mayo."

The Mayo Booth was crowded all night with the natives of that county.

CROSS ROADS DANCING ACADEMY.

A special program has been arranged by the Cross Roads for tomorrow evening.

Mr. P. Lynch and Mr. Murphy will dance a number of Irish dances.

Misses Theresa Hurley, Annie Kingston, Pearl Hickman, Eleanor Taylor, Lillie Quinn, Rose Ryan, Pearl, Bessie Hazel and Grace Allen, May Leddy, Mary Roper, Elsie Roper,

and Rose Leddy will dance all the latest dances. There will also be an exhibition of four and eight handed reels, the high caul cap and hornpipe.

The Dancing Academy was crowded last evening and the many visitors enjoyed the excellent program.

MONAGHAN.

The speedy horseshoers, Mr. McCarthy Sr., and Mr. Kirby are not able to turn out shoes fast enough to supply the demand, although they average one shoe a minute. They will be joined tonight by Mr. Earnest Kruse, who holds the world's record for driving shoes, his time for putting a complete set on a horse being eight minutes, beating by three-quarters of a minute the preceding world record. John McCarthy is the exceedingly able striker for those great sons of Vulcan.

ROSCOMMON.

Roscommon, one of the merriest and most successful in the Fair was crowded to the door. Each article is of such beauty that one is puzzled to know which to choose. Roscommon Booth has the largest variety of sofa cushions in the Fair.

Mr. Mulvin of the Galway Booth makes repeated trips to the Roscommon Booth.

LONGFORD.

Longford Booth has on exhibition a beautiful oil painting of Blarney Castle, donated by Miss Katie Doyle of Longford Booth. It is attracting much attention, and is sure to net the Booth a snug sum. A handsome picture of "The Madonna" can be also seen in the booth. Among those who have contributed largely to the success of the Longford Booth are Miss Kate Morris, Miss Katie Doyle, Misses Kittie and Nellie Guilfoyle, the Misses Annie, Della and Nellie Farrell, Miss Kittie Lacey and Messrs T. McNaboe and M. Brady, who are the "leading lights" among the male representatives of Longford.

KILDARE.

Mrs Bertha Welch and Mr. and Mrs. Lent paid a visit last Saturday evening, and contributed very generously to the many beautiful articles in the booth. Mr. Lent also played the famous Kildare races, and stated that they were a great success—He must have made a great winning as he was seen at the Hibernia Bank this morning leaving a big deposit.

Kildare Booth will have their evening at home next Friday evening, and all the natives of Kildare are invited to attend. The Sun-Flower Stock Company has kindly offered some of its best talent, which will consist of Miss Lottie Armstrong, Soprano solo (Irish character), Miss Jennie Robertson, Mable Phillips and Edith Norton, fancy dancing, and many wellknown artists will appear to make the evening a grand success.

KERRY.

Kerry Booth has a corps of workers that cannot be surpassed by any booth

in the Fair. With such energetic workers as Mrs. Glavin, Mrs. Ready, Mrs. Keneally, Mrs. Murphy, the Misses Murphy, and many others, all on the lookout for visitors, and ready to give them a royal reception, it is pretty hard for a Kerryman (or any other man) to pass by Kerry Booth without patronizing it. Kerry's representatives are certainly a credit to the "Kingdom."

Miss Hannah Murphy has been chosen by "Queen Rita" as maid of honor; so Cork and Kerry are again brought into close proximity.

Mrs. Keneally is making a fortune on a pretty hand-painted plate.

Messrs. J. G. Fitzgerald and P. Ashe are never missing from their post, and once they have set eye on their victim there is little hope of escape. Nothing left but immediate surrender.

Mr. T. O'Connor, of the firm of O'Connor & Kelleher, did great work at the wheel-of-fortune last evening.

REFRESHMENT BOOTH.

If any visitor to the Fair has failed to patronize the Refreshment Booth he has certainly missed a "treat." The "treat" may be on him, but that doesn't matter. It is a "treat" to have the privilege of "treating" your friends to a "treat" served by such hands as those in charge of the Refreshment Booth.

Mrs. James Martin smiles so approvingly when the coin is handed in, that one is unconsciously convinced that it is a blessed thing to give.

The Misses Hannah O'Brien, Mary Foudy, Winnie Higgins, Fannie Gallwey, Tessie Reilly, Erin McCarthy and Miss Connell, Mrs. Trumbull and Mrs. Goodfellow and others are untiring in their efforts to please the patrons, and how well they succeed is evidenced by the large crowds which nightly partake of the good things they have prepared, and go away blessing the star that guided them hither.

Mr. Kirkpatrick of the Palace Hotel has kindly donated a dinner for Thursday, and the public are invited to attend.

A new addition to the restaurant is Mrs. C. Trumbull, who has kindly donated her services.

Miss H. O'Brien's smiling face was missed at the noon lunch Monday. Wonder what's the cause.

Miss Mary Foudy has lost her voice spilling for votes for the beautiful Irish flag for the Columbia Circle, A. O. H.

The restaurant served a grand dinner today being donated by Major Hooper of the Occidental Hotel.

The workers in Restaurant Booth are Mrs. James Martin, president; Miss Mary Foudy, Miss Hanna O'Brien, Miss Winnie Higgins, Miss Frankie Connell, Miss Nellie Connell, Miss Esther Crawford, Miss N. Reilly, Miss Tessie Reilly, Mrs. E. Goodfellow, Miss M. Wilgus, Miss M. Barker, Miss A. Sullivan, Mrs. C. Trumbull, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. C. Connell.

From different booths are Mrs. Elizabeth Butters, Cork; Mrs. Fennessy, Cork; Miss Erin McCarthy, Cork; Mrs. Mulligan, Cork; Miss Rita Curtis, Cork; Miss May Knapp, Cork; Mrs.

J. Smith, Roscommon; Mrs. B. Naughton, Roscommon; Mrs. M. Sykes, Dublin; Thomas Crystle, Clare.

MEATH.

One of the many valuable articles in the booth is a fine solid gold watch, Waltham movement, which was kindly donated by Geo. R. Moss & Co., the jewelers. Mrs. A. Mulvey was the solicitor who secured this contribution. There are few chances sold, hence the greater chance for the ticket-holders to win.

Meath Booth is one of the smallest in the Fair and is doing the largest business. Mrs. Bert and Mr. Kennedy were among the visitors to Meath last evening. Meath's staff is composed of many hustlers.

Assisting Mrs. Mulvey are Mrs. Maguire and the Misses Maguire, Mrs. McCue, Miss Hagerty, Miss McCaffrey, the Misses Nellie and May Mulvey, Jas. Mulvey, Dr. Jas. McGoff.

LOUTH.

If Louth were ten times its size it would have been filled last night on the occasion of its evening at home. The place was packed and Mrs. H. C. Mallon dressed in black organdie over yellow crepe de chine, with Miss Hughes dressed in white mull trimmed with pink were kept busy waiting on the visitors.

Their many friends were entertained by Miss M. Stein who played several solos on the piano and Mr. W. D. Yost gave a vocal solo, while Mr. Michael Casey gave a recitation on the "Ways of a Giddy Young Man," Mrs. Hughes gave an Irish jig to the famous Irish Airs.

CAVAN.

Mr. Owen B. O'Reilly is the "leading light" of the Cavan Booth. Mr. O'Reilly possesses the happy faculty of keeping his auditors in merry mood with his genuine County Cavan wit. His hearty laugh can be heard above the shouts of the "spielers" and the din of the wheel of fortune.

Miss May McEntee, one of the most earnest workers of the booth has donated a beautiful pair of shams, made by herself.

The Knights of Tara have arranged to attend in a body on Thursday evening.

James O'Connor, prominent in the Gaelic Dancing Club, likes ice cream. It is said he can eat eleven plates at a sitting.

Will Burke was present again last night.

An interesting quartette—Joe Kerby, Dave Drady, Jack Flynn, Frank Kast.

Tom Mitchell was observed in earnest conversation near the grand stand.

Charles Moriarty and wife were interested in the drill.

Captain Peter Dunne was a liberal patron of the booths.

Misses Farrell of Fulton street were present.

Tom Healy went round in a tour of inspection.

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A visit to the Fair is by no means complete till you have visited the famous "Museum of Curiosities, Monstrosities and Freaks of Nature." Within its walls are confined in and out of cages, the "strangest collection ever shown at the moderate price of admission."

There are puzzling and mystifying illusions, animate and inanimate creatures, relics, antiquities, also mythological, geological, anthropological and ornithological and "Fakeological" specimens from the four corners of the earth.

It is a hard matter to discover which of the two unique conveyances (the Automobile or the Jaunting Car) is the more popular. They are both kept busy carrying big loads of delighted riders.

The track of the Irish Jaunting Car is to the left of the entrance and that of the "Yankee Jaunting Car" (Automobile) is to the right.

The rollicking revelry of the Irish Cross Roads and dancing school prove an irresistible attraction nightly, and the place is packed to the doors. The clever step-dancing, reels, flings, etc., are typical of those of Ireland; and the music is also distinctly Irish, and hence, appropriate. The enlivening strains of long-forgotten old Irish Cross Roads music entices the old and sedate, as well as the young and vivacious to "take it in."

Visitors to the Fair are now crowding into the animatoscope show. The excellence of the show has been remarked on all sides, especially the films depicting the stirring events of the British-Boer War. Nearly all the pictures shown are new on this coast.

PAY A VISIT TO IRELAND.

Just think of it, a trip to Ireland for ten cents! that's what is offered the visitor to the big fair in the rear gallery.

The grand topographical map of Ireland is so constructed as to give one the impression of actually being in dear old Ireland. The lofty mountains are raised in relief from the realistic and vivid landscape of lakes, rivers, bays and valleys; the majestic Shannon goes tumbling through the center on to the rock-ribbed coast, where many a pirate and mariner were lost.

Then the geographical partition of the counties, and the box of sacred sod in each, lends a realism that is at once touching and beautiful.

GEMS OF IRISH ART.

A sure sign of refinement and culture is to admire the beautiful in art. Such an indulgence is to be had in the front gallery. Many connoisseurs who visit the gallery are amazed at the genuine artistic merit of many of the works in the collection. They did not think the art would embrace so many so distinctly Irish masters and are liberal in their expressions of admiration. By all means visit the Art Gallery and see the grand collection in oil, water-colors and sepia. There are landscapes, marines, and figure pieces that are typically Irish in character and subject.

A LIVELY CORNER.

Those who want a genuine treat, and would relax all feelings of care or anxiety, should visit the front gallery, and enjoy Brother Phelan's exhilarating combination. There are to be found there the "Rocky Roads to Dublin," the Merry-go-Round, a splendid shooting range, the beautiful and fascinating "Mermaid," captured alive off Santa Cruz; Ogala, the lovely Gypsy fortune teller, whose occult power is the talk of the fair, and a host of other amusing and entertaining diversions for old and young alike.

A CRUSHING REPLY.

"Mr. Richard O'Connor labors under the delusion that Kerry is Ireland."—ALL IRELAND, May 15, 1902.

To this Mr. O'Connor has sent the following reply and we print it for what it is worth—and that's not much.

"No, indeed, he does not. Mr. O'Connor is as all Irish as if he were born in Tara. He knows and feels, however, what all know and feel who visit Ireland that Kerry is the most beautiful spot in the most beautiful country in the world, and he fears that if he did not speak his mind, he would lay himself open to the charge of a lack of appreciation of nature's masterpiece."

There's a reply for you, readers of ALL IRELAND. There's consistency with a vengeance. First he's "all Irish" and then Mr. O'Connor treats us to a disquisition on "Nature's masterpiece," "the most beautiful spot, etc." He has given the whole case away and has proved to the hilt our charge about the delusion under which he labors. Mr. O'Connor, when next you measure swords or pencils with an antagonist, select some moribund editor but don't come up against a great, up-to-date, twentieth century paper like ALL IRELAND. Bring out the next victim please.

Brothers Christian and Erminold and Father Nugent visited the Fair yesterday afternoon.

Joe Harvey paid \$2.50 to gaze on the Map of Ireland.

A "KERRYMAN" OBJECTS.

To the Editor of ALL IRELAND:

DEAR MR. EDITOR: You are letting the sons of Erin do a good deal of boasting about the counties from which they come. With this I do not find any fault. It is better to blow a little than to be ashamed of our Irish birth. As a good Irish woman wrote:

"I know by the rapture divine
Which rushes through me like a flood,
That the Irish skies are mine

And my blood is the Irish blood."

But, Mr. Editor, I cannot join in this symposium of brag which you are conducting. I am from the Kingdom of Kerry. It is wellknown that the children of the Kingdom are renowned for the virtues of humility and modesty. They are wanting in that peculiar spirit of aggressiveness that is characteristic of the natives of other parts of Ireland.

I believe, sir, that our blushing bashfulness and austere veracity have contributed not a little to keep Kerry men in the background both at home and abroad. If we were disposed to toot our own horns, as Kilkennymen, for instance, are forever doing, we would surely have won a readier recognition in the world than has been accorded us. For with us, at least, modesty does not imply lack of ability. With all our shrinking timidity, we have some great names to show. There is O'Connell, the greatest orator and Statesman of Ireland; Tom Moore, the sweetest lyrist in English speech, whose father went from Kerry to the metropolis; Bishop Moriarty, acknowledged by all to be the most learned and accomplished prelate Ireland produced in the nineteenth century; and the present Archbishop of Dublin, whose father like Moore's was born in the shadow of Mangerton. And these are but a few names. There are others.

Now, Mr. Editor, I am going to lay aside for a moment the character of the wayside violet that shrinks from view. I wish to tell the readers of "All Ireland" of one of the glories of Kerry which is also the glory of Ireland. It is the missionary spirit of her sons. They are worthy successors of their own Brendan, the sailor-saint who first discovered America, having traversed the northern seas in search of a new kingdom for Christ. The Kingdom of Kerry has sent more priests to the foreign missions than any other county in Ireland. Go into any missionary seminary in Ireland, and the proof will be before your eyes. Count the Irish priests in any country where Irishmen have gone—and where on earth have they not gone?—and you will see that the sons of Kerry head the list in numerical strength. If you seek ocular demonstration of my proposition, pay a visit any night to the Kerry Booth at the Irish Fair. And good priests they are, these Kerry men, devout, eloquent, scholarly and fair to behold.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I shall go a little more into detail. The great majority of Kerry priests

come from that small section of the county called North Kerry. It lies between Tralee Bay and the Shannon and you could walk across it in an easy days' walk. There are about ten parishes in the district. In that small corner three out of every four Kerry priests are born. Listowel is the town where they receive their classical education. It is the ancient stronghold of the O'Toole's as its name signifies, and for two centuries it has been as famous for its classical schools throughout Munster as all Kerry was for its open-hearted hospitality to poor scholars.

It may well be doubted that there is another spot on God's green earth where there are as many vocations to the priesthood as in North Kerry. I never had a vocation myself, thanks be to God for his mercies to us all, but four of my cousins are clergymen and two aunts and three nieces are nuns in the convent.

Now, Mr. Editor, here is a queer thing which I don't understand. Father O'Growney—God rest his soul—told me that nowhere outside of the Pale did the Irish language die out sooner than in North Kerry. The people kept the faith and their sons had the apostolic spirit in its fulness even though they had forgotten the language in which their own St. Brendan preached the saving truths of Holy Writ. It would seem, therefore, that the tongue of the Gael is not essential to Irish faith. I have the faith pretty strong myself and I don't know any Gaelic except a few swear-words that I learned from a wicked Clareman who used to sell herrings in Ballybunion. And it is not my fault. I or mine were never ashamed of that grand old tongue. We simply had no chance to learn it. And, Mr. Editor, I am too old to begin now.

There are some Irishmen, mostly from the Black North, who throw it in our faces that St. Patrick never went to Kerry. We admit it, and I think my letter holds the explanation. It was not necessary for Patrick to enter the Kingdom. Her sons, strong in missionary zeal in his day as in our own, went to him, learned his Gospel, were ordained and consecrated by his holy hands, and returned to their native vales by the Feale and the Flesk and the Laune and the Shannon to teach the word of God to their own and to break for their own the Bread of Life.

I enclose my name, Mr. Editor, but you must not print it in your paper. I would die of blushes. Besides, my wife is from Cavan and if she saw my name in the paper, she would throw a fit and call me a crazy Kerry goat. She would so.

Yours truly,

A KERRYMAN.

May 12, 1902.

King Edward Should have a representative here if he would learn how to conduct an enthronement. Just wait till our lovely Queen Rita ascends the throne to-night. It will be the grandest court ceremony ever witnessed.

Sgeulta Ma h-Aonaighe

"The earthquake did it" says Jimmie O'Donnell. Did what?

Mr. John W. McDonald, president of the City Street Improvement Club, and Mrs. McDonald, visited the Fair Saturday evening and were very liberal in their donations, making a large contribution to Roscommon and patronizing almost every other booth at the Fair.

Mr. J. C. Loutzenhuaser, and family of Grass Valley visited Waterford Booth Saturday evening, as did also Mr. H. R. Putmann of Colusa, Colusa County.

Messrs. Frank Kast and Jack Flynn greeted their friends in the various booths last night.

Sergeant Campbell was a welcome visitor to Sligo Booth last night.

Mr. Thomas O'Dowd of Division No. 5, A. O. H., spent a pleasant evening at the Fair last night.

Commissioner Casey is doing much for the success of Roscommon Booth. Last night he sold many valuable articles. Mrs. Maginnis is well pleased with the success of Roscommon Booth.

"All Ireland" desires to compliment the "Examiner" for the excellent reports of the Fair which the Monarch prints every day. Mr. Nourse, the representative of the "Examiner," has won the esteem of all interested in the Fair by his kindly manner as well as the pains he takes in gathering the news. It is such men as Mr. Nourse that make a paper popular among the people.

The two vivacious girls in the business offices, Miss Bessie Cooney and Miss May Malone are such an attraction, that to expedite business, Manager Tidball gave preptory orders to keep the front door bolted to all but those having business to attend to. The walls are filled with similar notices but the boys get in however through one subterfuge or another. Bessie and May are just "too sweet to be locked up" is heard on all sides.

Miss Mary Kenny of the Galway Booth appeared at her best in a fetching gown of mousseline de soie over pink taffeta cut en train.

Mrs. P. O'Connor of Limerick was charmingly attired in black silk effectively trimmed in lace.

Miss Josie Dillon of Limerick wore an elegant gown of blue peau de soie bodice and skirt built of vertical tuck-ing.

Miss E. Reardon was a picture of beauty gowned in rose crepe de Paris. A large white picture hat completed this handsome toilet.

Mrs. Kiley of Dublin Booth wore a modish gown of mode etamine trimmed in silk.

Mrs. D. F. Keffe looked handsome in black point de esprit over black silk and met her friends with a gracious bow as they visited Dublin Booth.

Mrs. O'Connor was handsomely dressed in black Duchess satin, elaborate trimming in jet, her appearance added to the beauty of Sligo Booth.

Miss Tessie Needham was a picture of loveliness attired in white silk with pearl ornaments. She was busy in the interests of Sligo Booth.

Mrs. Donovan of the Cork Booth was dressed in a silk gown of pink moire. The bodice trimmed in black velvet ribbon.

Mrs. Richard Curtis, Sr., mother of the Queen-elect, wore an elegant dress of black silk. Her interests are with the Cork Booth.

Miss Mary Hughes wore a modish gown of pale blue crepe de chine. A large picture hat of pink rose and lace finished this toilet.

Sonoma County is again represented on "All Ireland" and is doing some hard thinking.

Our general society editor, Mr. E. J. Coffey, has been studying fashions in order to be thoroughly equipped to represent "All Ireland" at Queen Rita's Court. Mr. Coffey, we are afraid, got things twisted when he informed this office that the queen would wear a "table d'hote" crown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorgeloh have found such enjoyment in the Fair, they have given up attendance at whist parties until it is over.

Mrs. J. W. Newbert and her daughters, Misses Grace and Lillian, who edited the paper at the Fair for the church of the "Holy Redeemer," visited the "All Ireland" office Monday evening.

One of Miss Sadie McLaughlin's latest acts of kindness was to rescue a gentleman from the midst of a bevy of charming damsels who were besieging him for his last nickel.

Mrs. Fennessy was dreaming a gay-dream at the entrance to Cork Booth. Suddenly the band struck up "The Rakes of Mallow." In a moment Mrs. Fennessy was on her feet beating time to the old familiar tune.

Lost.—Nine tickets on a quantity of coal, return to Galway Booth.

The County Clerk's office turned out in full force at the Restaurant last Saturday. The procession was headed by Albert J. Mahoney, County Clerk, and Mr. J. C. Flood. They all did justice to the meal and voted it an excellent lunch and all promised to call again.

Miss Mary Kenny has just received from her brother, Mr. Peter Kenney of Athenry, County Galway, Ireland, several blocks of Connemara marble which she has donated to the Galway Booth.

The absence of Billy Yost from the "sanctum" was remarked on all sides. The tall young lady who was the cause of his absence paid several visits to "All Ireland" and scolded Amusement Director Doyle "real hard" for intimating that she was responsible for the same.

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Father O'Ryan went home happy last night with one of John McCarthy's horse-shoes in his pocket.

Armagh and Cork have joined hands and one shares in the success of the other. Mr. Eugene McCoy "spiels" loudly for Armagh, Mrs. Mulligan and Mrs. McShane are active workers for this far-down county.

Mr. John E. Behan, our business manager is still indisposed and unable to be at his post in the office of ALL IRELAND.

Mr. Behan is much missed by the staff whose sympathy goes out to him. Meanwhile Mr. D. J. Wren ably fills the managerial chair.

Frank McIntyre, a prominent Red Man, proved to be a very friendly paleface.

Misses May and Annie Hodnett of Seventeenth street were amused over the embarrassment of a young man who did not want to take a chance.

Daniel Sheerin, the marble man, smiled benignly upon everybody.

George Lowe was busy.

Pete Cotter, of the "Examiner" showed the sights to his young daughter.

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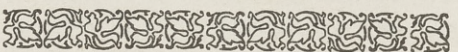
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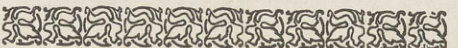


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Miss Gertie Sullivan was on hand all smiles, as usual. Her dress was one of the prettiest in the hall.

Miss Philomena Cull has been chosen as a maid of honor to the Queen of the Carnival.

SLIGO.

Mr. P. Gordon is of great assistance to the ladies of Sligo. He has donated two sheep and is selling many chances on them.

Mrs. Conaty is also selling a large number of tickets on the many handsome articles in the booth.

The ladies of Sligo are preparing for another night at home.

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The workers for Tipperary are among the most energetic in the Fair. There is hardly a corner in the Pavilion where members of this booth are not selling tickets on many handsome and useful articles. The beautiful piano, sofa cushions, chairs, taborettes, and pictures are greatly admired.

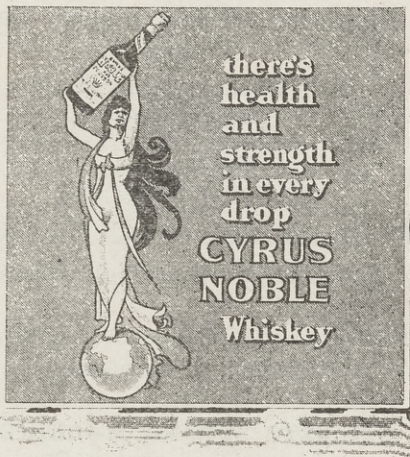
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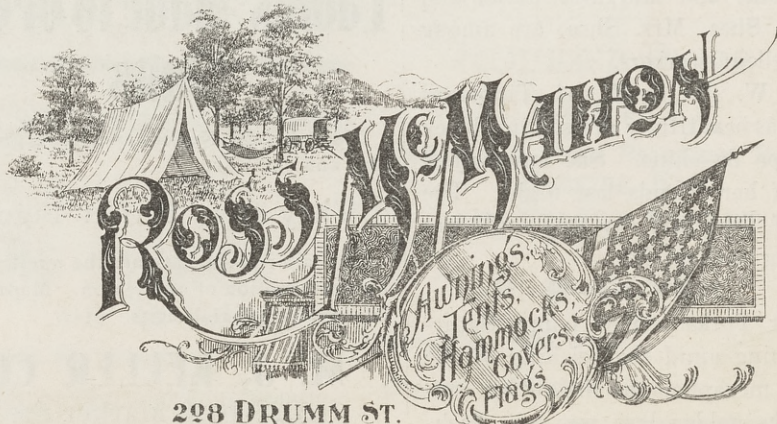
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